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RE: MUR 5046

Dear Mr. Rigsby:

The undersigned represents the Democratic National Committee ("DNC"). The DNC is in receipt of the Commission's letter of July 31, 2000, regarding the above-referenced MUR. In the Commission's letter, the DNC was notified that the Commission had found reason to believe that the DNC had violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4)(H)(iv) by failing to report expenditures on behalf of the 1996 Clinton/Gore Primary Committee in connection with a February 15, 1996 event in New York. However, the Commission determined to close the file in the matter on the condition that the DNC amend its reports to reflect the expenditures in connection with event to reflect them as expenditures pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(d).

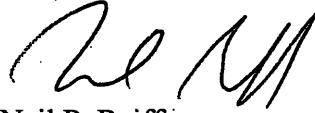
Although the DNC continues to believe that the expenditures in question were not made on behalf of the 1996 Clinton/Gore Primary Committee, the DNC wishes to see an expeditious resolution to this matter. Although the DNC would be willing to amend its reports to reflect these payments as 441a(d) expenditures, the DNC paid for these expenses with a combination of federal and non-federal dollars, since the DNC characterized these expenditures as fundraising expenses. Accordingly, the DNC paid for these expenses on a 30% federal/70% non-federal ratio. Accordingly, the DNC is concerned that merely amending its reports, when it paid for the expenses with a combination of federal and non-federal funds, would cause the Commission to reopen this matter for further findings.

Although the DNC would fully contest this matter if it were to be reopened by the Commission, the DNC would like to see an expeditious conclusion to this matter. Accordingly, in addition to amending its FEC reports, the DNC is prepared to make a transfer of \$17,448 from its federal account to its non-federal account in order to expedite a quick resolution to this matter.

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Please let me know if this is acceptable to the Commission to close this matter. I can be reached at (202) 543-7680.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Neil P. Reiff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" being more prominent than the last name "Reiff".

Neil P. Reiff

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